

Claims 2 and 4, and their dependent claims 37 and 39, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Bennett (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,172) in view of Taguchi. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because there would have been no motivation to modify the system of Bennett in view of Taguchi so as to mount the display device of Bennett on means for transportation, as recited in independent claims 2 and 4.

Bennett is directed to an intelligent query system for processing voiced based queries, in which a user is allowed to ask a question in a natural language and receive an appropriate answer from a remote server also in his or her native natural language. Such a system is unrelated to the on-vehicle control system of Taguchi, and Taguchi's mere description of providing Internet access in a vehicle would not have led a person skilled in the art to employ the system of Bennett in a vehicle. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 5, 6 and 35, and their dependent claims 38, 40, 41 and 47, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Braden-Harder (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,822) in view of Taguchi. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because there would have been no motivation to modify the system of Braden-Harder in view of Taguchi so as to mount the display device of Braden-Harder on means for transportation, as recited in independent claims 3, 5, 6 and 35.

Braden-Harder is directed to an information retrieval system used to improve precision in retrieving textual information from a mass data store. Such a system is unrelated to the on-vehicle control system of Taguchi, and Taguchi's mere description of providing Internet access in a vehicle would not have led a person skilled in the art to employ the system of Braden-Harder in a vehicle. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 25 and its dependent claims 26-29 and 44 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Braden-Harder in view of Ramasubramani (U.S. Patent No. 6,516,316) and Taguchi. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Ramasubramani, like Taguchi, would not have led a person skilled in the art to employ the system of Braden-Harder on means for transportation, as recited in independent claim 25.

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Claims 7 and 16, their dependent claims 8-15, 17-24, 42 and 43, and claims 30-32 (which depend from claim 25) have been rejected as being unpatentable over Braden-Harder in view of Ramasubramani, McAuliffe and Taguchi. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because McAuliffe, like Ramasubramani and Taguchi, would not have led a person skilled in the art to employ the system of Braden-Harder on means for transportation, as recited in independent claims 7, 16 and 25.


Claims 1, 2, 36 and 37 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Braden-Harder in view of Ramasubramani, Teare (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,624) and Taguchi. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Teare, like Ramasubramani and Taguchi, would not have led a person skilled in the art to employ the system of Braden-Harder on means for transportation, as recited in independent claims 1 and 2.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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